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## **JACKIE'S WARRIOR EDGES DREAM SHAKE IN PAT DAY MILE THRILLER**

**LOUISVILLE, KY (Saturday, May 1, 2021) – J. Kirk and Judy Robison's Jackie's Warrior** set a blistering pace and had enough left to hold off **Dream Shake** by a head after a furious stretch duel to win the 97th running of the \$500,000 Pat Day Mile presented by LG&E and KU (GII) for 3-year-olds.

Trained by **Steve Asmussen** and ridden by **Joel Rosario**, Jackie's Warrior covered the mile over a fast track in 1:34.39. The victory is the third in the race for Asmussen who previously won with **Valid Expectations** in 1996 and **Hierro** in 2012. It is the second for Rosario who won in 2013 with **Forty Tales**.

Jackie's Warrior emerged with the lead coming out of the mile chute and led the field of 11 through fractions of :21.75, :43.68 and 1:07.97. At the head of the lane, Dream Shake moved from his stalking position to challenge Jackie's Warrior but never could push on by.

Jackie's Warrior is a Kentucky-bred son of **Maclean's Music** out of the **A. P. Five Hundred** mare **Unicorn Girl**. The victory, the fourth graded stakes tally for Jackie's Warrior, was worth \$291,400 and increased his earnings to \$868,964 with a record of 7-5-0-1.

Jackie's Warrior returned \$6.60, \$4.20 and \$3.20. Dream Shake, ridden by **Flavien Prat**, returned \$4.40 and \$3.20 and finished 4 ½ lengths in front of **Whiskey Double** who paid \$4.40 to show under **Ricardo Santana Jr.**

It was another head back to **Defunded** who was followed in order by **Sittin On Go**, **Dreamer's Disease**, **Starrininmydreams**, **Prevalence**, **Joe Frazier**, **Three Two Zone** and **Noble Reflection**.

### **PAT DAY MILE QUOTES**

**Joel Rosario (Jockey, Jackie's Warrior, winner)** – "I was pretty confident that he was going to hang in down the stretch. He likes when a horse comes up to him and he really digs in. I was not worried about the fast early pace because he fights very hard down the stretch."

**Steve Asmussen (Trainer, Jackie's Warrior, winner)** – "I'm proud of who Jackie's Warrior is, under these circumstances, only validates of the beliefs we had in him. It's quite obvious that he's a special horse and there are plenty of opportunities for him out there that will serve his assets best."

**Flavien Prat (Jockey, Dream Shake, runner-up)** – "He showed speed out of the gate and I got terrific position. He was running well all the way around and I moved right up outside the winner. I thought I was going to catch him through the length of the stretch. I really thought I was going to get there. My horse ran too good to get beat."

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